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Bill,

EPA has learned that the unilateral administrative order issued to Occidental Chemical Corporation on June 25, 2012 has reached the Cooperating Parties Group, though not from EPA.

The order requires Occidental to participate and cooperate with the Settling Parties that signed AOC 02-2012-2015 to perform the removal action at RM 10.9. The order is not yet effective, so at the moment, I'm not sure there is anything we can say about it except to observe that EPA hopes this will provide an opportunity for Occidental and the CPG to work cooperatively on the removal action.

For this to happen, of course, the CPG should be in a cooperative frame of mind as well, since cooperation has to be a two-way street. I hope we can all rise to this occasion, which may involve some conversations that, while difficult, are necessary if we are to achieve our common goal of implementing the removal action in the most efficient and timely manner.

Also, for your information, EPA is considering next steps for other notice letter recipients that are not participating in the performance of work with respect to the Lower Passaic River and were not included in the unilateral order.

Have a good weekend.

-Sarah

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